

# **EXHIBIT A**

**From:** Brian Exline  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2010 4:40 PM  
**To:** 'DKMSR@aol.com'; Dave Bolton  
**Cc:** Gary Dunlap  
**Subject:** RE: Leasing tops

We'll find out more definitive information in the days to come. However, not a rumor that we are halting our efforts for the time being.

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**From:** [DKMSR@aol.com](mailto:DKMSR@aol.com) [<mailto:DKMSR@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2010 3:38 PM  
**To:** Dave Bolton  
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**Subject:** Re: Leasing tops

Just hearing more field rumors today that EnCana is not out, but cutting back 50%???? Coincidence ?

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In a message dated 7/16/2010 9:55:13 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [dave.bolton@chk.com](mailto:dave.bolton@chk.com) writes:

David,

Effective immediately, please drop your top leasing prices by 50% in all areas. Rescind any offer outside of these parameters that are not signed and in your hands as of noon today. That should be enough time to get your current verbal commitments finalized. To be clear...if it is not currently agreed and signed and in your office by noon today, the deal is off and we renegotiate under our current terms. Let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

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